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An. Exact

ACCOUNT

OF

Major General Kirkes

Safe Arrival and Relieving of

London-Derry.

With all the Particulars Relating to this
Glorious ACTION.

Licensed, August 1689.

Inch-Island in Lough-Swilly, July 26. 1689.

SIR,

THERE is just now come an Account from *Ballyshannon*, That the Forces of *Enniskilling* being on their way to *Ballyshannon*, to joyn the rest of the Protestants there, in Order to March to the Relief of *Derry*, was vigorously attacked (by the Duke of *Berwick* and 5000 Horse and Foot, who on purpose was drawn there with his choice Men to Oppose their intended Conjunction with the Men of *Ballyshannon*) was received with that Bravery and Resolution, maintaining a very Regular and Bloody Fight for some hours, until their Powder being spent, they fell in upon the *Irish* Army with the Butt-end of their Muskets; who, not being able to withstand their Extraordinary Courage, were totally routed, having taken divers Prisoners, and all their Baggage and Carriages, remaining sole Masters of the Field: We have great Reason to believe there were divers Officers of Note killed, the Souldiers having stript the slain, found two hundred Scarlet lac'd Coats; so that having defeated this Considerable Party, they are now in a Capacity to march and joyn the Forces at *Lough-Swilly*, for there lies nothing now betwixt them and the rest of the Protestant Army, so that we do not Question, but our next from thence will give us an Account of their Relieving of *Derry*.

I am Tours, &c.

London,

London, August 5. 1689.

Y^esterday Morning Mr. *Bales* the Messenger, formerly sent Express to Major-General *Kirk*, return'd, and brings Advice,

That the Defeat of the Duke of *Berwick*, and Coll. *Sarsfield* aforementioned, being brought to the Camp before *Derry*, put them in a mighty Disorder and Confusion, which was not only aggravated by the nearness of Relief with the Major-General, and his daily Expectations of Reinforcements from *England*; but more imminently from their apprehensions of Coll. *Gustavus Hamilton*, and the *Enniskilling* Mens prosecuting their Victory, and marching direct against them, for Relief of *London-Derry*; and either to attack the Rear of their Camp, or march more compass Northerly, and joyn the Major-General, who was now gone with all his Forces and Ships out of the *Lough* of *Derry*, and joined Coll. *Steward*, and the Protestants that were come to him in *Lough Swilley* on the Isle of *Inch*.

On which Considerations they called a Councel of War, and for preventing the Mischiefs feared, resolved, there being no Enemy in *Derry Lough*, to command off all the Guns and Forces that lay on each side that River, and make a united Strength on the other side of *Derry*, ready to oppose the Danger that threatened them; which they did accordingly: Of all which the Major-General having Advice, and daily expecting the Forces from *Enniskilling*, and more from *England*, and *Derry* in distress for Provisions, made use of the opportunity, and the Wind favouring, with such Ships, Ammunition, and Provisions as he thought necessary, in the Night return'd back into *Derry Lough*, and forcing the Booms that lay across the River, without the loss of one Man, having no opposition but from *Kilmoré* Castle, and from thence but Two Guns, came up to the City Walls, and put in a plentiful Relief of Ammunition and Provisions, which was joyfully received, and a Message return'd from the Garrison, That they knew not what Orders the Major-General might have, but as to Men they wanted none, but could spare him five or six thousand, to assist him in prosecuting His Majesties Interest, and the Defence of the Country; withal, desiring him not to Land any Men, for that it might occasion some Divisions amongst them, they now knowing one another extream well, and in an extraordinary Unity and Obedience to their present Commanders, reciprocally resolving to live and die with one another in his Majesties Service, and in Defence of the Place; and as they had entirely suffered together, desired they might rejoyce together, not doubting but God by their hands would accomplish their Deliverance.

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